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**IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD APPARATUS AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR RECOGNITION OF IRRADIATION  
AREA**

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 11, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.